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SUBJ: ELECTRICITY FROM KAGNEW FOR ASMARA CITY

REFS: (A) STATE 71696; (B) STATE 71703

1. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT TO MOFA BY APRIL 8 THE FOLLOWING AIDE
MEMOIRE IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A.

2. BEGIN TEXT. WITH REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 147 OF
APRIL 2, 1975, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO INFORM
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL
MILITARY GOVERNMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS RESPONDING
POSITIVELY TO ITS REQUEST FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO ASMARA ON THE
ASSUMPTION THAT THE ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT
WILL DIRECT ITS APPROPRIATE COMPONENTS TO PAY FOR ELECTRICITY
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ALREADY FURNISHED TO TRACTS A AND E AT KAGNEW STATION UPON

PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATE BILLS FOR SUCH COSTS AND WILL PROMPTLY CONCLUDE THE UTILITY AGREEMENT TO BE PROPOSED SHORTLY FOR CONTINUATION OF THAT SERVICE. IN THIS CONNECTION PAYMENT OF BILLS PRESENTED NEED NOT AWAIT CONCLUSION OF THE UTILITY AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PREPARED TO BEGIN ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO ASMARA BEFORE THE ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS FURNISHED ADVANCE DELIVERY OF FUEL OIL FOR ONE MONTH'S OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH DELIVERY WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT AFTER A REASONABLE PERIOD THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA WILL BE DISCONTINUED IF THE SUPPLY OF FUEL OIL AT KAGNEW STATION FALLS BELOW THAT REQUIRED FOR TWO WEEKS' OPERATION. CURRENT ESTIMATES OF FUEL OIL USAGE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INDICATE THAT FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION AT KAGNEW STATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ASMARA WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 160,000 US GALLONS PER MONTH. END TEXT.

3. AIDE MEMOIRE DOES NOT REPEAT POINTS ALREADY MADE IN NOTE SENT TO MOFA REGARDING ADVANCE DEPOSIT OF THREE MONTHS' ESTIMATED OVERHEAD COSTS, NOR DOES IT MENTION COSTS RELATED TO TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRA PERSONNEL NEEDED TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO ASMARA AS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CONGEN ASMARA, THERE WILL BE NO SUCH COSTS. THE LANGUAGE IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF FUEL OIL BY THE EPMG IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE START OF ELECTRICITY SERVICE TO ASMARA BUT WITH THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EPMG IS OBLIGED TO BUILD UP AN ADEQUATE RESERVE OF FUEL OIL ASAP. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS RESERVE IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE CONTINUING SERVICE TO ASMARA IN THE EVENT THAT THE SUPPLY OF FUEL OIL IS TEMPORARILY INTERRUPTED BY INSURGENT ACTIVITY ALONG THE HIGHLY VULNERABLE MASSAWA-ASMARA ROAD. THIS RESERVE WILL ALSO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE EPMG MIGHT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, INSIST THAT FUEL OIL DEDICATED TO THE KAGNEW OPERATION BE USED TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR ASMARA.
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